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SUBJECT: TRANSATLANTIC CHARTERS

REF: (A) STATE 300935; (B) LONDON 19529

1. REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH DEPT. OF TRADE (GEORGE ROGERS)
DEC. 24. ROGERS SAID U.S. COUNTER PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION
OF EXISTING CHARTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
UNACCEPTABLE.

2. ROGERS SAID HE FRANKLY ASTONISHED U.S. COULD NOT
ACCEPT "GENEROUS" OFFER UK HAD MADE DEC. 17 (REF B). HE
POINTED OUT ONLY ONE CHANGE IN EXISTING MOU PROPOSED,
I.E. REDUCTION TO 10 PERCENT FOR MAXIMUM REASSIGNMENT FOR
TGCS DURING EXTENSION PERIOD. HE SAID BRITISH HAD GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO EXTENDING EXISTING MOU BEFORE
MAKING DEC. 17 PROPOSAL AND HAD DECIDED THAT COURSE OF
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ACTION UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT LEFT HANDLING OF OTC AND

SEC FLIGHTS ULDEFINED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, ROGERS SAID IF MOU NOT EXTENDED THERE WILL BE NO OTC OR SEC OPERATIONS. ON AFFINITY FLIGHTS HE SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT IF BRITISH PROPOSAL TO EXTEND WERE ACCEPTED BUT, WITHOUT MOU EXTENSION, UK WILL "USE ITS DISCRETION" IN CONSIDERING AFFINITY APPLICATIONS.

4. COMMENT: ROGERS CLEARLY SURPRISED THAT BRITISH PROPOSAL OF DECEMBER 17 WHICH HE APPARENTLY CONSIDERS REASONABLE FOR SHORT INTERIM PERIOD NOT ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. HE QAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WITHOUT EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT ON CHARTERS INCLUDING UNDERSTANDING ON OTC AND SEC OPERATIONS UK POLICY AFTER DEC. 31 LIKELY TO BE RESTRICTIVE.

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